Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising one or more particulate plant sterols, wherein said composition demonstrates a multi-peak volume-weighted ~~or mass-weighted~~ particle size distribution (PSD) of said one or more particulate plant sterols~~;~~

~~wherein said composition demonstrates a multi-peak surface-area-weighted PSD of said one or more particulate plant sterols~~ that demonstrates:

a) a first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns; and

b) a second peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter in the range from 2 to about 35 microns, wherein said second peak has a volume-weighted mean particle diameter of about 8 to about 12 microns~~; and~~

~~wherein said composition, when dispersed in a test juice, has an acceptable mouthfeel in said test juice~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said ~~multi-peak volume- or mass-weighted PSD demonstrates:~~

~~a)~~ a first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns has ~~and~~ a volume-weighted mean particle diameter of about 0.3 to about 0.5 microns~~; and~~

~~b) a second peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter in the range from 2 to about 35 microns, wherein said second peak has a volume-weighted mean particle diameter of about 8 to about 12 microns~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 ~~claim 2~~, wherein said second peak represents from about 65% to about 85% of said volume weighted ~~volume- or mass-weighted~~

PSD, and wherein said first peak represents from about 15% to about 35% of said volume weighted ~~volume- or mass-weighted~~ PSD.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The composition of claim 1,~~ A composition comprising one or more particulate plant sterols, wherein said composition demonstrates a multi-peak surface area-weighted particle size distribution (PSD) ~~PSD~~ of said one or more particulate plant sterols, wherein said surface-area weighted PSD demonstrates:

a) a first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns; and

b) a second peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter in the range from 2 to about 35 microns, and wherein said second peak has a surface-area-weighted mean particle diameter of about 8 to 12 microns.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 4 ~~claim 5~~, wherein said first peak of particulate plant sterols represents from about 78% to about 92% of said surface-area weighted PSD.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 4 ~~claim 5~~, wherein said first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns has a surface-area weighted mean particle diameter of about 0.5 microns or less.

8. (Original) The composition of claim 7, wherein said first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns has a surface-area weighted mean particle diameter of from about 0.3 microns to about 0.5 microns.

9. (Original) The composition of claim 8, said first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns has a surface-area weighted mean particle diameter of about 0.4 microns.

10. (Original) The composition of claim 4, wherein the total specific surface area of said multi-peak surface area-weighted PSD is greater than about 2 m^2/g.

11. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein the total specific surface area of said multi-peak surface area-weighted PSD ranges from about 2.5 to about 7 m^2/g.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 11, wherein the total specific surface area of said multi-peak surface area-weighted PSD ranges from about 2.8 to about 6.5 m^2/g.

13. (Original) The composition of claim 3, wherein the volume-percentage of all particulate plant sterols having a diameter greater than 35 microns in said volume- or mass-weighted PSD is less than about 3%.

14. (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the volume-percentage of all particulate plant sterols having a diameter greater than 35 microns in said volume- or mass-weighted PSD is less than about 0.5%.

15. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is dispersible in an aqueous medium.

16. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is an aqueous composition.

17. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is a powdered composition.

18. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is a food or beverage composition.

19. (Original) The composition of claim 18, wherein said beverage composition is selected from the group consisting of a juice, a juice concentrate, coffee, tea, a smoothie, a shake, soy milk, rice milk, a frappe, a milk fluid, a meal replacement beverage, a diet beverage, and a nutritional supplement beverage.

20 (Original) The composition of claim 18, wherein said food composition is selected from the group consisting of a bread, a baked good, candy, ice cream, a confection, an egg, an egg replacement, ice cream, yogurt, a health supplement, a meal replacement food, and a nutritional supplement.

21. – 59. (Cancelled)

60. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing an aqueous dispersion of a particulate plant sterol composition, comprising mixing a particulate plant sterol composition with an aqueous material, wherein said particulate plant sterol composition demonstrates:

a) a first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns; and

b) a second peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter of 2 to about 35 microns, wherein said second peak has a surface-area weighted mean particle diameter in the range from about 8 to about 12 microns.

~~a multi-peak surface area weighted PSD.~~

61. (Cancelled).

62. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 60 ~~claim 61~~, wherein said first peak of particulate plant sterols represents from about 78% to about 92% of said surface-area weighted PSD.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 60 ~~claim 61~~, wherein said first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns has a surface-area weighted mean particle diameter of about 0.5 microns.

64. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 60 ~~claim 61~~, wherein said first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns has a surface-area weighted mean particle diameter of from about 0.3 microns to about 0.5 microns.

65. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 64, wherein said first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns has a surface-area weighted mean particle diameter of about 0.4 microns.

66. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 60 ~~claim 61~~, wherein the total specific surface area of said multi-peak surface area-weighted PSD is greater than about 2 m^2/g.

67. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 66, wherein the total specific surface area of said multi-peak surface area-weighted PSD ranges from about 2.5 to about 7 m^2/g.

68. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 67, wherein the total specific surface area of said multi-peak surface area-weighted PSD ranges from about 2.8 to about 6.5 m^2/g.

69. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60 ~~claim 61~~, wherein said aqueous material is selected from water, juice, a juice concentrate, coffee, tea, an egg mixture, ice cream, yogurt, soy milk, and a milk-based fluid.

70. (Original) A composition comprising a dispersion of a particulate plant sterol composition in an aqueous material, wherein said particulate plant sterol composition demonstrates a multi-peak surface area-weighted PSD, and wherein said multi-peak surface-area weighted PSD demonstrates:

a) a first peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter less than 2 microns; and

b) a second peak of particulate plant sterols having a diameter of 2 to about 35 microns, wherein said second peak has a surface-area weighted mean particle diameter of about 8 to about 12 microns.

71. (Cancelled)

72. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 60, wherein said particulate plant sterol composition is mixed with said aqueous material in order to substantially avoid an undesirable sensory attribute in said aqueous dispersion.

73. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 72, wherein said undesirable sensory attribute is a chalky, gritty, drying, or powdery mouthfeel.

74. – 83. (Cancelled)